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AFTER HAVING REVIEWED IN DETAIL THE PHOTOGRAPHY FROM C455C, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER PHOTOGRAPHY OF NINGMING AIRFIELD. KN COVERAGE EXISTS OF NINGMING 29 DECEMBER 1964. OF COURSE, AT THIS TIME NINGMING INITIALLY DETECTED AS BEING UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WITH NO RUNWAY AND NO MISSILE SITE IN AREA. NEXT COVERAGE OCCURRED ON 2 JULY, WITH C355C, SHOWING RUNWAY COMPLETED; HOWEVER, NO MISSILE SITE OR INITIAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION EVIDENT. ON THE 17 AND 27 AUGUST THE TROJAN HORSE MISSIONS, FLYING ALONG DRV/CHICOM BORDER, PHOTOGRAPHED NINGMING ON FAR OBLIQUE IN EXCESS OF 35 MILES. IN BOTH OF THESE INSTANCES THE GENERAL AREA OF THE SITE (UNIDENTIFIABLE AT TIME) HAD SMOKE APPEARING BETWEEN THE RECONNAISSANCE ACFT AND THE GUIDANCE RADAR LOCATION IN THE CENTER OF SITE. THE SAME THING APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED ON C455C. FROM C455C ALL OF THE NORMAL EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATED

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WITH AN SA-2 SYSTEM IS EVIDENT IN THE AREA AND IS ALMOST IDENTICAL WITH PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION SEEN AT LAN CHOU. DUE TO TIME AVAILABLE WE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYTHING LOOKING LIKE MISSILE TRAILS; HOWEVER, NPIC STILL LOOKING. WE DID FIND EXCELLENT SHOT OF MIG-21, APPARENTLY AIRBORNE AFTER NINGMING. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE SITE AT NINGMING LEADS US TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE TWO LAUNCHERS ON THE RUNWAY SHOULDER WERE PROBABLY NOT USED AND IT APPEARS THAT THEY MAY BE EVEN PARTIALLY COVERED, AND THE TWO MISSILE TRANSPORTERS NEXT TO SITE MAY CONTAIN THE LOADS FOR THESE LAUNCHERS. REMAINING SITES APPEAR TO HAVE MISSILES IN NEAR VERTICAL POSITION. THE SMOKE SEEN AT THIS SITE CAN ONLY BE ASSOCIATED WITH PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS ON THE PART OF THE CHICOMS TO CONCEAL ACFT PARKED AT AIRFIELDS AND THIS IS THE FIRST INSTANCE, INCLUDING THE TWO TROJAN HORSE MISSIONS, WHERE WE HAVE SEEN SMOKE APPARENTLY CONCEALING PORTION OF SAM SITE. VOLUME OF SMOKE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SUFFICIENT IN ANY CASE TO CONCEAL THE SITE; HOWEVER, DOES LEND CREDENCE TO THE THEORY THAT THEY MIGHT BE

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ATTEMPTING TO CONCEAL THE GUIDANCE RADAR VAN WHICH MAY NOT BE FANSONG.

2. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE, AS INDICATED IN EARLIER CABLE TRAFFIC TO YOU, OF ANY FANSONG SIGNALS ON SYSTEM VI. SYSTEM XIII WAS WORKING AND WAS JAMMING A FIRECAN RADAR AT THE TIME PICTURES WERE TAKEN AT NINGMING.

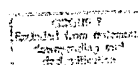
3. THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES EXIST:

- A. THAT THE SITE IS A DUMMY SITE.
- B. THAT THE SITE IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND NOT YET OPERATIONAL.
- C. THAT THE SITE IS OPERATIONAL, BUT USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY.
- D. THAT THE SITE IS OPERATIONAL AND POSSIBLY HOSTILE TO MISSION C455C.

A. DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE VALID JUDGING FROM THE DUMMY SITES WE HAVE SEEN IN NVN AND WE DOUBT THAT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL A PORTION OF A DUMMY SITE. THE LARGE QUANTITY OF MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE 40 TENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE, ALSO TEND TO NEGATE

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IT BRING A DUMMY.

4. SINCE WHAT APPEAR TO BE MISSILES, OCCUPYING A STANDARD SAM SITE CONFIGURATION, WITH THE ASSOCIATED VANS NEAR THE CENTER OF THE SITE, IT IS MORE LOGICAL TO CONCLUDE THAT THIS SITE IS OPERATIONAL. SINCE MISSILE TRANSPORTS AND SA-2 ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT ARE EVIDENT IN THE AREA, THE SITE WOULD APPEAR TO BE OPERATIONAL.

5. WE ARE FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT MISSILE TRAINING IS DONE AT SIAN, ^{AND} THE MTR, CHUNG WEI. THE NATURE OF THE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE TENTS, WOULD DEGRADE THIS AS BEING A TRAINING SITE.

6. ASSUMING THEN THAT THE SITE IS AN OPERATIONAL COMBAT SITE, CONSTRUCTED SOME TIME AFTER 2 JULY 1965, THE QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHY WE DID NOT RECEIVE A FANSONG SIGNAL ON SYSTEM XII, SYSTEM VI, OR THE L-BAND O.S. SIGNAL. ONE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE SYSTEM IS A CHICOM DESIGNED SYSTEM, NOT UNLIKE THE SA-2 SYSTEM, BUT EMPLOYING AN ACQUISITION AND TRACKING RADAR SUCH AS MOONCGNE AND FIRECAN, RESPECTIVELY. THERE IS NO ELINT EVIDENCE THAT IF A MISSILE WAS LAUNCHED ON THIS FLIGHT THAT THERE WAS ELECTRONIC GUIDANCE

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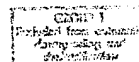
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SYSTEM EMPLOYED. MISSILES APPEAR IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF C455C TO BE IN THE VERTICAL OR NEAR VERTICAL POSITION, WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR AN SA-2 SITE. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WHATEVER ELECTRONIC SYSTEM WAS BEING USED, INCLUDING FIRECAN, WAS BEING JAMMED BY SYSTEM XIII. WE ARE NOT SURE WHY THIS SITE SHOULD APPEAR OR OPERATE ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN THE SITE WE SAW AT LAN CHOU LAST DECEMBER. WE ARE LOOKING INTO ALL OF THE POSSIBLE REASONS WHY WE GOT THE NORMAL MISSILE GUIDANCE SIGNATURE AT LAN CHOU, BUT DID NOT GET ANY ON THIS SITE. WE HOPE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS PRIOR TO CDR DUCKETT'S ARRIVAL 8 SEPTEMBER. HE WILL BRING SELECTED BRIEFING BOARDS WITH HIM TO BRIEF YOU AND WHOMEVER ELSE YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE AT THE TIME. WE NOTIFYING [] BRIEFLY OF OUR FINDINGS SO FAR AND THAT THEY WILL BE BRIEFED WHILE []

7. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, OEL ANALYSTS HAVE DETECTED AN X-BAND SIGNAL ON DURING TIME PHOTOS TAKEN. SIGNAL WAS UP FOR 108 MILLISECONDS AND IS WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT A FUSING SIGNAL FOR AN

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SA-2 TO LOOK LIKE. I WOULD NOT PASS THIS ON TO ANYONE ELSE AT THIS TIME, BUT IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE WORKING ON.

8. THIS MSN POINTS UP THE FACT THAT TOO INFREQUENT COVERAGE OF AN AREA PERMITS UNEXPECTED CHANGES TO OCCUR BETWEEN OVERFLIGHTS. SHOULD WE SYSTEMATICALLY COVER SOUTH CHINA ON A MORE FREQUENT BASIS, WE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO PREPARE SURPRISES SUCH AS THE ONE AT NINGMING AIRFIELD. THIS POINT OUT TO THE [REDACTED] THAT WE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO COVER THE SOUTH CHINA TARGETS. IN ADDITION, IT SHOULD BE APPARENT TO THEM THAT WE ARE CONTINUALLY WORKING ON NEW EQUIPMENT TO DEFEAT THE CHICOM THREAT AND THAT FROM ALL EVIDENCE THE EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY INSTALLED IS EXCELLENT AND FUNCTIONING AS PLANNED. IF WE CAN DENY THEM THE EFFECTIVE USE OF THEIR AI RADARS, FANSONG AND MISSILES THE EQUIPMENT MUST BE GOOD. WE ARE ALERT FOR NEW EQUIPMENT AND TACTICS THE CHICOMS MAY DEVELOP AND FEEL CONFIDENT WE CAN NEGATE EACH AS IT APPEARS.

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9. WE DESIRE YOU GIVE THE PRELIMINARY BRIEFING TO GEN. YANG AND TAMI. WE NOT SENDING THIS TO [REDACTED] FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT

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